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And Method Of Using Same

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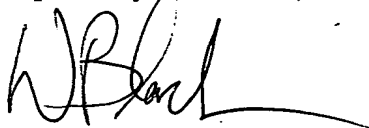
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Applicant respectfully submits that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from each of the listed references.

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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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		US- 3,102,725	01-27-1961	Jarus	
		US- 4,892,308	01-09-1989	Gaunt	
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